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Minutes 02/07/2011

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 7, 2011

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, and Ms. Rowe.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mr. Greeley

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: January 24, 2011
 - b. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 3/5/11, Saint Peter School Cambridge Dare to Dream Auction, "An Enchanted Evening" @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall
Bernadette Leahy, Principal, Saint Peter School
 - c. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 3/4/11, "Books in Bloom" @ Robbins Library
Patsy Kraemer, Arlington Garden Club
 - d. Reappointment: Conservation Commission
Catherine Garnett
(term to expire 1/31/2014)
 - e. Reappointments: Disability Commission
Janice Dallas
Susan James
(terms to expire 1/31/2014)
 - f. Reappointment: Historical Commission
Diane Schaefer
(term to expire 1/31/2014)
 - g. Reappointment: Human Rights Commission
Victoria Cohen
(term to expire 1/31/2014)
 - h. Reappointment: Open Space Committee
Michele Hassler
(term to expire 1/31/2014)

Mr. Hurd moved approval with correction to the order of the minutes.

SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS

2. Appointments: Zoning Board of Appeals
Pamela Heidell
(term to expire 10/01/2013)
Paul D. Maloy
(term to expire 10/01/2012)
Mr. Hurd moved approval.
3. Republican Appointee: Board of Registrars of Voters
Diane M. Mahon, Chair
Mr. Hurd moved approval to nominate Joseph Boike.

SO VOTED (4-0)

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LICENSES & PERMITS

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing

4. Request: All Alcohol Package Store License (in place of the Beer & Wine License)
 Spy Pond Beer & Wine, LLC, (Sean Galvin & Marimar Galvin) d/b/a Arlington Wine Shop
 Mary Winstanley O'Connor, Esq.

Mrs. Mahon questioned work in progress concerning stamped and approved plans along with parking concerns. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that with submission of approved plans the request could continue forward.

Mrs. Elsie Fiore, speaking on behalf of the Trinity Baptist Church at 115 Mass. Ave., stated the church objects to this license change due to the church's affiliation with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Alcohol Anonymous Meetings.

Ms. Rowe reported that the Arlington Wine Shop has a very good record "unblemished" with the Coalition through the Health & Human Services Department.

Ms. Rowe moved approval of the All Alcohol request and of an Alteration of Premise subject to plans submitted to the office and conditions set forth.
 SO VOTED (4-0)

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Bruce Whettle of 94 Coolidge Road, correspondence received listed below, spoke concerning two problems regarding dogs at Robbins Farm:

- 1) Saturday morning, day after his trash pick up, a 30 pound black trash bag was put on his property in view of his living room window mostly filled with dog feces. Several of his neighbors also had similar trash bags deposited on their lawns over that week-end. He wants as a solution "take it with you" that dog owners take their dog feces back home for their own trash.
- 2) Trash barrels at Robbins Farm have not been emptied for awhile so remove all fixed basket and barrel containers from the park and install only green metal drums along Eastern Avenue for quicker easier pick up.

Mr. Sullivan responded that he would meet with relevant departments and come back to the Selectmen with recommendations.

Ms. Rowe suggested recommending to the Parks & Rec Commission probation of Menotomy Rocks and Robbins Farm Parks for the off-leash dog program due to many reported incidents of aggression contrary to the rules of the program. The Selectmen unanimously agreed to have this as an agenda item on the February 28, 2011 Meeting and will request guidelines for the probation from the Parks & Rec Commission.

Mr. Robert Radochia, Columbia Road, reported he used the request answer center asking for information on how many citations were issued before the last storm. He received a response back from the Police Department that he thought was outrageous and would like the Selectmen to help him obtain his requested information.

Mr. Sullivan responded that Mr. Radochia input for a service request which this is not, but instead is a public information request.

The Selectmen agreed that although the information requested was through the wrong mechanism, answers should be communicated properly to the public. They also realize with less manpower and the increase work load needed to respond to the snow storms that this request was a low priority.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. FY Arlington
 Vicki Ford
 Julie Brazile

Ms. Amy Speare, 118 Ridge St., introduced FY Arlington is a newly formed advocacy group who are concerned about the town budget process and are asking for deadlines and goals to be voted in order for residents to have an opinion for or against cuts or overrides.

Ms. Julie Brazile, 56 Coolidge Road, presented a recommendation containing three elements:

- 1) schedule a discussion at your February 28th meeting of several long-range plan options
- 2) schedule a community forum for questions and answers to discuss the options
- 3) set a date for a vote to recommend a long-range plan to the community

Mrs. Mahon asked if FY Arlington presented this to the school committee and Ms. Brazile answered that they have had multiple exchanges with the school side and received specific information from the schools but not the town side.

Mr. Tony Vogel, 3 Eustis St., asked the Selectmen to have more public dialogue regarding the budget issues.

Mr. Hugh McCrory, 36 Argyle St., asked the following: timeline for budget numbers; public input into the budget process; Vision 2020 survey results into the budget process?

Mr. Sullivan welcomed and thanked FY Arlington for coming to the meeting. He stated the Governor gives local aid numbers out at the end of January then he works the Town Budget over the next few weeks and posts it on the web late February. There is a public forum scheduled tentatively for March 3, 2011 in the Town Hall Auditorium. During March both the Legislators and Town Departments will make changes and revisions. The Selectmen welcomed FY Arlington and stated that public comments are

always welcome during the budget process. Until the budget is set more firmly and the effect on services are looked at the Selectmen agreed an override should not be voted upon and the April 2nd Election would be to soon to react to in terms of a ballot question (35 days before the 4/2 Election the Selectmen would be required to vote authorizing an override ballot question).

This agenda item was taken out of order.

8. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 2 State of the Town Address

Mr. Hurd moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 3 Reports of Committees

Ms. LaCourt moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 4 Appointment of Measurers of Wood and Bark

Ms. Rowe moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 5 Election of Assistant Town Moderator

Mr. Hurd moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 16 Bylaw Amendment/Portable Storage Containers

Mr. Hurd moved favorable action with procedural specifications to be discussed at a future meeting.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 17 Bylaw Amendment/Sidewalk Snow Removal Enforcement

Ms. LaCourt moved favorable action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 18 Bylaw Amendment/Increase Fines for Unleashed Dogs

Ms. Rowe moved to table until the February 28th meeting.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 19 Bylaw Amendment/Use of Minuteman Bikeway

Ms. LaCourt moved to table until the February 28th meeting.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Snow and Ice Update

Brian F. Sullivan, Manager

Mr. Sullivan provided a summary of ongoing snow removal operations and an update on the funds expended to date on snow removal. Snow operations have been challenging with weekly snow events, crews have cleared street corners, around schools, sidewalks, and street plowing day and night. Daytime priority lists are used to clear snow for mobility reasons and around business areas. Nighttime hauling operations on Mass. Ave. and business areas occur, along with snow removal from school rooftops. As of February 4th the town has expended approximately \$1,000,000 in snow removal putting the Town \$528,170 over budget.

Correspondence Received

Bruce Whittle Two Park Problems, Two Solutions
94 Coolidge Road

Be Rec'd

Mary L. Frere Annual Form 500 for 2010
Senior Staff Consultant - Video
Verizon

Be Rec'd

Ms. Rowe moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Mahon thanked Ms. Roman, Public Information Officer, for all the snow alerts posted this winter on the web and sent out via email.

Mr. Sullivan announced the State is planning to cut CDBG money to communities by 7.5%.

Mr. Sullivan also distributed MMA information to all Selectmen.

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
Selectmen's Office
Next meeting of BoS February 28, 2011.